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Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments

Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee

Note by the Secretary-General

1. As indicated in document A/63/103 of 19 March 2008, it will be necessary for the General Assembly, during its current session, to confirm the appointment by the Secretary-General of three persons to fill vacancies in the Investments Committee resulting from the expiration, on 31 December 2008, of the terms of office of Masakazu Arikawa (Japan), Madhav Dhar (India) and Nemir A. Kirdar (Iraq); an ad hoc member, Ivan Pictet (Switzerland); and two persons to fill vacancies resulting from the resignations in July 2007 of Khaya Ngqula (South Africa) and Afsaneh Beschloss (Islamic Republic of Iran).

2. In accordance with the provisions of article 20 of the Regulations of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund, the Secretary General, after consultation with the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, submits for confirmation by the General Assembly the reappointment of Mr. Arikawa, Mr. Dhar and Mr. Kirdar as regular members for three-year terms of office and Mr. Pictet as an ad hoc member for a one-year term beginning on 1 January 2009. Mr. Arikawa is the President and Representative Director of Mcube Investment Solutions in Japan and has served on the Investments Committee since 2005. Mr. Dhar is the Managing Partner of Traxis Partners, LLC, and has served on the Committee since 2006. Mr. Kirdar is the Founder, Executive Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Investcorp in New York, London and Bahrain and has served on the Committee since 2006. Mr. Pictet is the Senior Managing Partner of Pictet & Cie in Switzerland and has served on the Committee as an ad hoc member since 2005.

3. The Secretary-General, after consultations with the Pension Board and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, submits for confirmation by the General Assembly the appointment of Linah K. Mohohlo (Botswana), Governor of the Bank of Botswana, as a regular member to replace

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Mr. Ngqula; and Mr. Simon Jiang (China), Founder and Chairman of CyberCity International Limited and Chairman of Vision Century Corporation, as an ad hoc member to replace Ms. Beschloss commencing 1 January 2009.

4. The curricula vitae of the appointees for confirmation are set out in the annex to the present document.

Annex

Masakazu Arikawa

Career

2006	President and Representative Director, Mcube Investment Solutions, Japan
2003	Managing Director, Global Pension Planning Department of Sony Tokyo
2002	President and Representative Director, Sony Global Pension Management Corporation
2001	Chairman and Board Director, Sony Global Treasury Services Plc.
1998	Board Director, Monex-Online Securities Trading Company
1997	Board Director, Sony Finance International
1997	Board Director, Sony Life Insurance
1996	Chief Investment Officer, Sony Pension Fund Management
1995	General Manager, Finance Department of Sony Tokyo
1990	General Manager, Business Group Investment in Corporate Planning Division of Sony Tokyo
1984	Managing Director, Sony Overseas SA
1974	Entered Sony Corporation
1970	Research Fellow, Science Academy of Australian National University, delivered by the Ministry of International Trade and Industry
1969	Entered the Ministry of International Trade and Industry Economic Career Service

Associations

2004	Member of the Committee for Pension Assets Investment, Promotion and Mutual Aid Corporation for Private Schools of Japan
1999	Member of the International Pension Conference

Education

1969	Graduated from Hitotsubashi University, Economics Department

Personal:

Date of birth: 3 May 1946

Nationality: Japanese

Madhav Dhar

Career

2003-present	Managing Partner, Traxis Partners, LLC, New York
2001-2002	Personal and Family Fund Management, Traxis Capital, LLC, New York
2000-2001	Sabbatical (private family time, active in local media promoting markets and economic reform, charitable activities), Delhi, India
1992-1999	Managing Director, Morgan Stanley & Co., New York
1997-1999	Member of Morgan Stanley Asset Management Executive Management Committee, Morgan Stanley & Co., New York
1984-1989	Head of Global Asset Allocation, Morgan Stanley & Co. New York
1984-1999	Head of Emerging Markets, Morgan Stanley & Co., New York
1984-1999	Portfolio Manager, Active Europe, Australasia and the Far East Allocation, Morgan Stanley & Co., New York
1984-1999	Global Strategist, Morgan Stanley & Co., New York
1984-1999	Portfolio Manager, Emerging Markets, Morgan Stanley & Co., New York

Associations

Active involvement with the Asia Society, the American India Foundation and Breakthrough

Education

MBA, Carnegie-Mellon University, 1984, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

B.S. (Honors) Physics, St. Stephen's College, Delhi University, India

Personal

Date of birth: 3 September 1961

Nationality: Indian

Nemir A. Kirdar

Career

Founder, Executive Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Investcorp, New York, London and Bahrain, 1982 to present

Vice President, Chase Manhattan Bank, New York, 1974-1981

Allied Bank International, New York, 1969-1974

Associations

Member of the Board of Directors, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

Member of the Board of Trustees, Eisenhower Exchange Fellowship, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Member of the Board of International Councillors, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Washington, D.C.

Member of the Board of Trustees, Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C.

Member of the Advisory Board, Judge Business School, Cambridge University, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Member of the Advisory Board, School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University, New York

Member of the Board of Visitors, Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

Member of the Dean's Council, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts

Member of the Harvard University Board of Overseers, Committee on University Resources, Cambridge, Massachusetts

Founding member of the International Business Council, World Economic Forum, Geneva, Switzerland

Member of the Board of Directors, Qatar Financial Center Authority, Doha

Member of the Chatham House Panel of Senior Advisers, London

Education

Harvard Business School, Senior Management Programme

Fordham University, New York, Master of Business Administration

University of the Pacific, California, Graduate Degree in Economics

Honorary degrees

Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., Doctor of Humane Letters

University of the Pacific, California, Doctor of Laws

The American International University in London, Richmond, Doctor of Economics

Personal

Date of birth: 28 October 1936

Nationality: Iraqi

Linah K. Mohohlo

Career

1999-present	Governor, Bank of Botswana
1997-1999	Deputy Governor, Bank of Botswana
1994-1996	Secondment, International Monetary Fund
1989-1994	Director, Financial Markets Department, Bank of Botswana
1988-1989	Deputy Director, Research Department, Bank of Botswana
1986-1987	Deputy Director, Human Resources Department, Bank of Botswana
1982-1985	Board Secretary, Bank of Botswana

Associations

Chairman of the Board, Bank of Botswana

Chairman, Bank of Botswana Pension Fund, Association of African Central Banks (South Africa Subregion)

Member of the Board, International Monetary Fund representing Botswana International Monetary and Financial Committee; and Member representing International Monetary Fund Africa Group 1 Constituency comprising 21 anglophone sub-Saharan countries (2000-2002)

Member of the Board, Botswana Diamond Valuing Company, Diamond Trading Company Botswana, Non-Bank Financial Institutions Regulatory Authority, Diamond Empowerment Fund

Member of the Advisory Board, New Partnership for Africa's Development

Deputy Chairman, Botswana Institute of Development Policy Analysis, University of Botswana Foundation, Air Botswana

Director, Debswana Diamond Company

Commissioner, Commission for Africa

Member, Botswana Economic Advisory Council, Africa Progress Panel

Member of the Steering Committee, Africa Emerging Markets Forum

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Education

1992	Executive Management Programme, Yale University, United States of America
1990	MA Finance and Investment, University of Exeter, United Kingdom
1985	BA Economics, George Washington University, United States of America
1983	Diploma, Accounting and Business Studies, University of Botswana

Personal

Date of birth: 13 February 1952

Nationality: Botswanian

Simon Jiang (ad hoc member)

Career

Founder and Chairman, CyberCity International Limited, 1998 to present

Chairman, Vision Century Corporation, Hong Kong, 1998 to present

Senior Investment Officer, Investment Management Service/United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund — 1992-1998

Associations

Trustee, Cambridge China Development Trust

Member of the Board, Zi Corp. (NASDAQ-Listed Canadian company)

Member of the Board, Rothschild Investment Bank, United Kingdom

Member of the Board, Capital International Inc., United States of America

Member of the Board, China Welfare Fund for the Handicapped

Member, Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference — China's Upper House

Senior Associate, Judge Business School of Cambridge University

Non-Executive Director, China Oilfield Services Ltd.

Non-Executive Director, SPG Land

Non-Executive Director, China Ocean Shipping Company International

Non-Executive Director, Bank of China Investment Managers — venture between Bank of China International and Merrill Lynch/BlackRock)

Non-Executive Director, Leighton Asia Ltd.

Education

Cambridge University — Doctorate Degree

Australian National University — Master's Degree

Beijing University of Foreign Studies — Bachelor's Degree

Personal

Date of birth: 9 September 1953

Nationality: Chinese

Ivan Pictet (ad hoc member)

Career

Senior Managing Partner, Pictet & Cie, with responsibility over general strategy matters, regional responsibility for Japan, Northern Europe and the Russian Federation with particular responsibility for the investment advisory services of the bank.

Morgan Stanley & Co., New York

Associations

President, Geneva Financial Centre

Former President, Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Geneva

Former President, Foundation for Geneva

Former President, Geneva Private Bankers Association

Education

Business School of Administration of St. Gallen, Switzerland, 1970

Baccalaureate, College of Geneva, 1963

Attended the Law Faculty, University of Geneva

Personal

Date of birth: 8 March 1944

Nationality: Swiss